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News in Brief

Road closure scheduled

Arnold Avenue is scheduled to be closed June 27 for repairs to that road and Spirit Boulevard. The project will repair Arnold Avenue from Spirit Boulevard to 8th Street by removing existing asphalt and base material, and installing new base material and asphalt. The closing will affect Bldgs. 530, 527, 30, 33, 35, 36 and 50 and the access to the parking lot at the commissary on Arnold Ave.

The contractor will provide a schedule of demolition for limited access to the above facilities. To ensure safety for all in the construction zone the speed limit is five miles an hour. The project is scheduled to take eight weeks. For more details, call Gary Hall at 687-6281.

Thrift Shop Summer Sale

The thrift shop hosts its summer blowout sale 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and June 28. All purple tagged items are 50 percent off, except uniforms and collectibles. Quarter items are marked at 2-for 1. The Thrift Shop will be closed during July. For more details, call 563-3910.

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RAF pilot makes B-2 history

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Royal Air Force pilot David Arthurton was greeted with a champagne shower after his first B-2 Spirit Bomber flight June 9.

The flight lieutenant (equivalent of a U.S. captain) flew the *Spirit of Pennsylvania* about 1,700 miles during the 4.5-hour flight., becoming the only foreign pilot to fly the bomber.

"My first B-2 sortie was a fantastic experience," said Flt. Lt. Arthurton, a 394th Combat Training Squadron member. "It was great to put the months of training and hard work into practice."

He credited maintainers and crew chiefs for their support in a successful takeoff.

After an air refueling the flight lieutenant and instructor pilot Lt. Col. Dave Anderson, 394th CPTS returned to Whiteman to practice landing procedures.

"Once airborne, things went as planned," said the Norwich, England, native. "The hours of training in the simulator really kicked in."

Flt. Lieutenant Arthurton and Colonel Anderson, received congratulations from Maj. Keith Reeves, 394th CTS, Col. Curtiss Petrek, 509th Operations Group commander, fellow pilots and his wife, Poppy.

"It is a real honor to be the first non-U.S. pilot to undertake training in the stealth bomber," said Flt. Lieutenant Arthurton.

Since arriving here in October 2004, the RAF pilot completed T-38 training in January. He notes that flying the B-2 will be quite a change for him. Previously, Flt. Lieutenant Arthurton flew the Tornado GR4 fighter jet, an aircraft that used low-level laser guided bombs.

Flt. Lieutenant Arthurton flew 25 combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 for coalition forces.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

Royal Air Force pilot David Arthurton is all smiles after completing his first B-2 flight in the Spirit of Pennsylvania June 9.

DoD set to resume voluntary anthrax shots

FDA gives guidelines for Airmen deploying to high-threat areas

By Senior Airman Amy Robinson

Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) — Air Force officials have resumed the anthrax vaccine immunization program on a voluntary basis for its members under an emergency use authorization issued by the Food and Drug Administration.

Based upon the implementing message sent to all major commands May 20, base commanders are to resume the vaccination program under the specific EUA guidelines. Among those guidelines, individuals who are eligible to receive the vaccination may accept or refuse the shots.

"The emergency use authorization was sought by the

Department of Defense as anthrax remains a potential threat to our forces," said Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Russell Kilpatrick, ACC command surgeon. "Vaccination is the most effective measure we have for preventing anthrax and overcoming the threat it presents."

According to the AVIP Web site, <http://www.anthrax.mil>, the EUA ensures people at risk, including military members, have the best medical countermeasures available to protect them against chemical biological and radiological threats.

Under EUA guidelines, all military personnel, emergency essential civilians and mission-essential contractors assigned to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility or the Korean peninsula for 15 or more consecutive days will be offered the vaccine. People with orders to deploy to these locations can receive vaccinations up to two months before departure. Units with bio-defense or other special missions are also eligible to receive the vaccination.

Military members will cease receiving shots when they leave those locations or cease responsibilities in other included mission areas.

Under the EUA, commanders must provide members both education on the anthrax program and an option to

refuse the vaccination without penalty. Refusing the vaccine will not affect the individual's deployment status.

Although there are no disciplinary repercussions for those who choose not to receive the vaccination, the command surgeon strongly recommends vaccination for those at higher risk.

The vaccine has been licensed by the FDA for more than 35 years as a safe and effective method of preventing this deadly disease.

"Anthrax is a deadly biological weapon that represents a real and present danger to U.S. military personnel," General Kilpatrick said. "Fortunately, we have reliable protective measures against the threat of weaponized anthrax. The vaccine is a key part of those measures."

In the fall of 2001, attacks with anthrax spores in Washington, D.C., New York City, and Miami led to the deaths of five people.

Since March 1998, more than 1.3 million people have received more than 5.2 million doses of the vaccine under AVIP.

The program will continue until the EUA expires on July 27. The status of the program is subject to review after that date.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller
509th Bomb Wing Commander

READY FOR INSPECTION!

I'm proud of the way you do your jobs each and every day, and proud of the extra care you've taken to prepare for our next Air Combat Command inspection.

Next week, the Nuclear Surety Inspection will give us a hard look as always.

It's a chance to show the inspectors the care, skill and professionalism you each bring to this important part of our mission. We are ready.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL

CALL! For those who missed it, the History Channel's "Mail Call" program devoted a one-hour special to Whiteman Air Force Base June 10.

R. Lee Erney took his viewers through the history of the wing and our base, and highlighted our

teammates at the 442nd Fighter Wing and the Missouri Army National Guard, too. After the program aired, I

received the attached note.

My thanks go to the many Airmen (and Soldiers) at Whiteman who made the show possible.

You went the extra mile to show the American citizens you defend a great look at what you do and how well you do it.

The production company graciously gave us permission to replay the show on our Channel 99 television system on base, and we'll do that soon.

Colonel Miller,

I just finished watching the "Mail Call" episode focusing on the B-2 and your great team at Whiteman AFB. I was going to go on and on with all types of superlatives describing my thoughts on watching the show, but I think it can be summed up simply ... THANK YOU!

Thank you for allowing access so that the show could be done.

Thank you to you and your people for your dedication and everything you do for our freedoms.

My sincere Thanks!

Scott Fraser
Dept. Chair, Electrical Technology
Long Beach City College



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

Maj. Alan Miller, 509th Bomb Wing, discusses final preparations for the Nuclear Surety Inspection team visit with members of the plans office.

Commander reflects on squadron achievements

By Lt. Col. Jeffery Vinger
509th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander

This is my last opportunity to provide a commander's editorial for the *Whiteman Spirit*. My time here has come to an end and I will soon turn over the reins of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron to another engineer commander.

My time here at Whiteman has been extremely enjoyable as we've seen extensive change throughout the base in just the past two years. Numerous projects have been accomplished and many others started or planned and will continue to alter the landscape and quality of life here for years to come.

The efforts of our engineers in the continued sustenance of what we have, the future development of what we need and provision of emergency response are focused on enabling the mission of the 509th Bomb Wing to maximize its mission success as we provide the most efficient, safe, pleasant and professional working and living surroundings for the base populace.

We're fortunate because we receive tremendous support from our mission partners throughout the wing to accomplish our mission — whether it be support from the facility managers who coordinated with us

on all issues impacting the hundreds of facilities on here or even the residents of our 1,129 housing units. We're fortunate in the personal responsibility and personal ownership that each of these people has taken as their piece of Whiteman. It's that attitude of ownership that is critical to keeping our facilities in premier condition to continue enabling our premier B-2 mission.

We depend on our facility managers to coordinate all maintenance, repair and construction needs within their facilities. They are the eyes and ears for the 509th CES, and as such, must be the focal point for all facility concerns for the occupants of each facility.

The facility managers have direct access to the civil engineer work request approval process and are invited members to this weekly review. The facility managers have direct access to their command leadership and support us in determination of priorities for the thousands of work requests within our system requiring design, estimation, material ordering and procurement, scheduling of work and execution by our limited work force or through our various contract support avenues. Everyone should know their facility manager. Everyone should coordinate their facility concerns

through their facility manager so they can properly advocate your needs.

In base housing, we again greatly depend on the personal ownership attitude our military personnel and their families assume in maintaining their homes, thus instilling good order and discipline within our base community. Each resident is provided a housing occupant guide when moving into base housing. Recently, all households should have received the newest version of the Whiteman Housing Guide. If you haven't, stop by the housing office.

This guide details the responsibilities of base housing residents describing the necessary maintenance needed to keep household systems running at peak performance within the unit.

This personal maintenance includes ensuring filters are changed; drains, gutters and spouts are flushed and cleared of debris; animal waste is picked up; lawns and shrubbery are trimmed regularly and present a neat and orderly appearance.

We have quality inspectors who spend many hours patrolling housing to ensure our residents abide by the rules of the guide. Occasionally, they must enforce the rules, generally with just helpful hints to the residents. Sometimes they do so with

warnings or notifications to squadron first sergeants or commanders. In a few cases, unheeded warnings and gross negligence have resulted in loss of the privilege of base housing altogether.

In some cases, notification of failed systems within the unit or inspection of residences has brought to attention gross violations of interior household cleanliness severe pet damage even to the extent that the health and well-being of residents and neighbors may be in jeopardy.

In these cases, units are returned to good order and the entire expense of professional cleaning and repair is borne by the member. Again, for the most part our housing residents are assuming personal responsibility and personal ownership, proudly maintaining their homes in excellent condition. This brings down our costs and ensures a pleasant and proud neighborhood community.

I leave the Whiteman family with a heavy heart, proud of the accomplishments made and proud of the people that carry the load in getting it done. I ask that you reaffirm your personal responsibility and personal ownership of your piece of Whiteman, remain proud of what you do and keep doing that of which you can be proud.

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ALS class announces graduates

Airman leadership school Class 05-E graduated two staff sergeants and 23 senior airmen in a ceremony Thursday at the Mission's End. The graduates were:

Senior Airman Rene Allende, 509th Bomb Wing;

Senior Airmen Christine Buck, Ronald Delabastide, Dan Earley, and Bradley Kecker, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron;

Senior Airman Brandon Layman, Jacob Marsh, 509th Communications Squadron;

Staff Sgts. Justin Devaney, Phillip Shelite, 509th Security Forces Squadron;

Senior Airmen: Justin Ayres, Ryan Burke, Nicholas Davis, Mycheal Davis, William Pleasants and Joseph Shields, 509th SFS;

Senior Airman Becky Jaimes, 509th Operations Support Squadron;

Senior Airman Christopher Long, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron;

Senior Airmen Kristin Espitia, and Nicholas Fonzo, 509th Maintenance Squadron;

Senior Airman: Shelly Bowden, Jeffrey Doucette, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Senior Airman: Frank Onorata and Kamarudini Raimi, 509th Munitions Squadron.

Tent cities aren't just for Airmen



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

Children play during Whiteman's Vacation Bible School June 8 at the base chapel. Vacation Bible School is an annual event at the Chapel. The children participated in Bible studies crafts and activities that teach following, believing and being thankful to God. More than 75 children 4 to 11 years old attended the event June 6-10. Larri Smith and Staff Sgt. Mike Perry, 509th Communications Squadron, organized the event.

Air Force reservists praised by employers

Airmen show civilian bosses their 'other' job

By Staff Sgt. Angela Blazier

442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Sixty-seven employers of 442nd Fighter Wing reservists participated in the June 11 unit training assembly to learn first-hand what occupies their employees' time away from their civilian jobs.

The employers were treated to an array of tours that highlighted the 442nd FW as part of the wing's Employer Appreciation Day.

"We have a new appreciation for the critical role our employees play," said Pete Burney of Hallmark Cards Inc. and employer of Lt. Col. Keith Kennedy, 442nd FW inspector general. "It was great to hear the real difference our reservists make."

Retired Maj. Gen. Loran Schnaidt, chairman of the Missouri Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, said employers are a key link in the reservist's ability to serve their country.

"You (the civilian employers of reservists) are the unsung heroes of the war on terror," he said at a luncheon for the employers. "No one talks about the sacrifices you make when the military deploys your employees for months at a time."

The employers were split into groups during the event, with one being treated to a ride on a C-130J, courtesy of the 403rd Wing Hurricane Hunters, an Air Force Reserve unit from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Two KC-135s from the 931st Air Refueling Group at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., were scheduled to fly employers, but could not land here because of thunderstorms.

"As a backup we relied on our mission partners, the 509th Bomb Wing, and took two groups of employers on a B-2 tour," said Maj. David Kurle, 442nd FW public affairs officer. "We really appreciate their assistance in showcasing Whiteman to these very important people."

In addition to the C-130 and B-2, employers got up close and personal with the 442nd's own A-10s and some were able to fly the A-10 simulator and see the life support section of the 303rd Fighter Squadron.

"There was plenty heavy lifting by a lot of people across the wing to make this happen," Major Kurle said. "This is another example of the fantastic team work across this wing to see a project through from beginning to end."

"I enjoyed this," said Ed Brown, from the Control Service Company in Independence, Mo., who employs Capt. Mike Riley, 442nd Maintenance Operations Flight. "It was really interesting seeing everything and it helps me believe in what the military's doing."

"I was surprised at the large number of employers here who have reservists working for them who were mobilized (for Operation Iraqi Freedom)," said Col. Pat Cord, 442nd FW commander. "This event is a really good opportunity for them to experience the professionalism of the 442nd and the next time their reserve employees are mobilized and taken away from their civilian jobs they will have a better sense of what our mission entails."

The day concluded with a luncheon, sponsored by the Missouri Committee for ESGR for all the employer participants.

"Seeing everything made it real for me," said Rosemary Brown, the wife of Ed Brown. "There's a lot of sacrifice here and coming here today made me proud to be an American."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

John Snyder of the Raytown, Mo., police department sits in the cockpit of an A-10 Thunderbolt while Maj. John Rogler, 442nd Fighter Wing, talks about control functions. The 442nd FW hosted an employer appreciation day to honor the civilian employers of wing members. Mr. Snyder is the employer of Master Sgt. Robert Fann, 442nd FW.

Entitlements could total in thousands

By Senior Airman Shaun Emery
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) — While deployed, Airmen receive many entitlements. They receive combat zone tax exclusion, \$225 hostile fire pay per month, \$3.50 per diem and for those with families, \$250 family separation allowance per month. Airmen who live in dormitories at their home station also receive basic allowance for housing.

All totaled, these entitlements can add up to thousands of dollars over the span of a deployment rotation. Airmen with deployed finance offices are here to help with financial questions, but every Airman is responsible for keeping up to date with their bills, said Maj. William McGraw, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing finance chief.

“It’s important that every person check his or her leave and earnings statement each pay period,” Major McGraw said. “If there is a problem, the finance office will do everything it can to solve it, whether it’s calling a home station finance office or the member’s first sergeant.”

The ramifications of missing a mistake could become very serious if a deployed Airman is getting paid too much or not enough, Major McGraw said.

“If you’re getting too much in your check and finance finds the mistake, the money will be immediately taken out,” Major McGraw said. “On the flip side, if there is not as much money as someone planned, they may write a check and won’t have the funds to cover it. If you have a wife and children at home, they may not have the money to buy groceries. If you start worrying about that, you won’t be able to focus on the mission at hand.”

Along with checking to make sure there are no mistakes in their military pay, deployed Airmen also have the opportunity to participate in the uniformed services savings deposit plan.

This plan allows Airmen to deposit up to \$10,000 and receive 10 percent annual interest on their investment. The money must be withdrawn 90 days after the end of their deployment. The finance office can assist Airmen with setting up an account.

“Most regular savings accounts offer interest rates of 1 to 2 percent,” Major McGraw said. “If you are keeping your money in a checking account, you’re not making anything.”

One way for Airmen to stay proactive in their finances is by filling out their accrual vouchers as soon as possible. Many Airmen use their government travel card to cover expenses entering the area of responsibility, and the accrual voucher will transfer the necessary funds to their travel card, Major McGraw said.

“The balance needs to be paid,” he said. “Even though (Airmen are) deployed, they’re still responsible for paying that bill. If a person goes four months and doesn’t pay it off, (he or she) could face serious repercussions.”

I swear



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, swears in newly elected Whiteman Top 3 officers. They are: Senior Master Sgt. James Askren, 372nd TES, president; Master Sgt. Warren Weakley, 509th Mission Support Squadron, treasurer; and Master Sgt. Mark Hamrick, 509th Services Squadron, vice president. Not pictured is Master Sgt. Karin Clark, 509th Maintenance Squadron, secretary.

150 members selected for promotion

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER — The Air Force selected 6,630 of 25,454 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, a 26.05 percent selection rate; and 9,116 of 43,379 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant, a 21.01 percent selection rate.

The 509th Bomb Wing had 403 eligible staff sergeants; of those, 86 were selected for a 21.34 percent selection rate; and 64 of 192 eligible technical sergeants were selected, a 33.33 percent selection rate.

The final tally will increase as AFPC receives score tests for those members currently deployed, said officials. As usual, each of those airmen has 30-60 days after they return home to test.

The master sergeant selection rate rose .1 percent from last year, while this year’s technical sergeant rate dropped .56 percent from last year.

Technical sergeant selectees

509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: Robert Carr, Eric Collins, Mark Echols, Neil Fowler, Jason Hermann, Kevin Marriott, Jamie Nichols, Christopher Spencer, Michael Taylor.

509th Bomb Wing: Kenneethia Kennard, Katherine Marksmeier, Jason Raley and Paulette Tate.

509th Civil Engineer Squadron: Arvin Walkup, Michael Becker, Shane Boone, Joshua Flaherty, Steward Herringshaw, Joseph Kerzic, Crystal Norton, Bronson Peters, Darrin Roschewski and Barbara Smith.

509th Communications Squadron: Dale Bierman, Arnold Gardner, Wesley Hockemeyer, Christopher Nash, Jeremy Nelson, Timothy Smith and Teresa Willson.

509 Comptroller Squadron: Melanie Danker and Thomas Wallace.

509 Logistics Readiness Squadron:

Robyn Johnson, Carla Vincent, Craig Beare, David Dunne, Daniel Green, John Leach, Carey Mathis, Cheron Nieves, Greg Sikorski, Angela Stone and Lisa Wilkins.

509th Maintenance Group: Richard Parsons, Andrew Earll, Martin Edrington, Danny Shepherd and Brad Whitt.

509th Maintenance Squadron: Allen Joseph, Jeffery Cates, Michael Faulk, John Frisbee, Mark Kolat, Nicholas Leggett, Jason Parmenter, Kahl Singler and Charles Taylor.

509th Maintenance Operations Squadron: Jayson Baros and Fred Carter.

509th Medical Operations Squadron: Jessica Despot, Yuhan Joseph, Alvin Ely, Robert Kruckow, Michelle Long, Gloria Rapkin and Mary Schmidt.

509th Mission Support Squadron: Jimmy Ridenour and Cheryl Allen.

509th Munitions Squadron: Anthony Buff, Darius Steele, John Bartlow, William Cutler, Michael Dixon, Christopher Ford, Christopher Hinote, David Neumann, Andrew Rapkin, William Selement, Melissa Sprague and Allen Youngdahl.

509th Services Squadron: Rebecca Smith and Tracy Wallace.

509th Operations Support Squadron: Shawn Coots, Danielle Gresser and Robert Kidd.

509th Security Forces Squadron: Andrew Taylor, Jake Bolton, Chaun Bonk, Christopher Carrier, Stacie Conrey, Steven Gage, Scott Ludrick, Jeremy Marksmeier, Anthony Ross and Jonathan Sarabia.

72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron: David Farrell and Maria Reyes-Witak.

Det. 280 Air Force ROTC: Eliza Scarberry.

Detachment 1 Security Forces: Duane Long.

372nd Combat Training Squadron: Charles Bridges and Angelique St. Pierre.

393rd Bomb Squadron: Andrew Feistel.

Master sergeant selectees

509th AMXS: David Riggins, Christopher Hetzler, Jeffery Huntley, Kevin Lee, Steven McElwain, Kari Miller, Roy Ollie, Tommy Parker, Jay Perkins, Jeffrey Prescott, Daniel Pressly, Clint Reinier, Stewart Reiter and Gregory Williams.

509th BW: Wesley Wiley, Dennis Angier, Scott Gurney, Chad Hoagland and Dennis Wilson.

509th CES: Randal Halstead, Phillip Hull, John Lagassey, Michael Larocque, David Neuman and Michael Shankles.

509th CS: Edward Krisher, William Hall and Brian Remmert.

509th Contracting Squadron: Paris Everson, Samuel Stewart and David Cotrell.

509th LRS: Robert Schlatweiler, Kevin Decker, Dagny Dewitt, Shayne Pederson, Linda Shirley, John Soorus and Darrin Tobias.

509th MXG: Bret Frank, Robert Goddard and Darron Hunter.

509th MXS: Francis McGrath, Travis Brinzow, John Kelley, Scott Lique, Russell Marroon, Mark Ridder, Keith Rogacki, David Shirley, John Stemple, Phillip Wagner, Paul White, Carl Morton, James Tuggle and Lorrin Savage.

509th MDOS: Charles Barnett, Marc Funston and James Leonard.

509th MSS: David Hodges and John Fohey.

509th MUNS: James Settle and James Spinks.

509th SVS: Vernice Belin.

509th OSS: Jesse Lee.

509th Operations Support Squadron: Andrew Rhodes.

509th SFS: Charles Roseberry, Joseph Fyffe, Edward Perreault, Tony Piper, Steven Porter, Anthony Roop and Geoffrey Sparks.

Det. 280 Air Force ROTC : Vanessa Hammond.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Joyce Petrek

Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club

Joyce Petrek, wife of Col. Curtiss Petrek, 509th Operations Group commander, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, June 10.

Rhonda Miller, wife of Colonel Miller, nominated Mrs. Petrek for the award.

Mrs. Miller said since Mrs. Petrek's arrival here she has taken many responsibilities including working as the Officers' Spouses' Club advisor, volunteering at the thrift shop, and helping distribute cookies for Airmen. Addition, Mrs. Petrek also is active in community and charity events including the family support center's Heartlink program.

"(Mrs. Petrek) has been instrumental in in supporting the 509th OG as well as key (509th OG staff members)," Mrs. Miller said. "She has chosen to share many of her God-given gifts and talents. She is truly a 509th spirit giver."

Personally Speaking

Time on station: 2 years

Hometown: None, raised in military

Spouse: Col. Curtiss Petrek, 509th Operations Group

Children: Brian, 20 and Jordan 17.

Hobbies: Quilting, and Bible study.

Goals: To raise two responsible and productive children.

Best thing about Whiteman: The people at Whiteman and the surrounding communities.

Pet Peeves: Respect not being shown to all people.

What motivates your winning spirit? God and the love for people.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman what would it be? Nothing. I love it!

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed by the individual making Whiteman a better place to live and work by going far beyond his or her assigned duties to "make it happen."

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil.

Submitting _____
Civilian Employee
of the Week

To nominate a civilian employee,
 send an e-mail to
whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil.
 Be sure to include why this person
 is being nominated.

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NSI information of the week

(Editor's note: The 509th Bomb Wing Plans and Programs Office will provide tips and other information to help 509ers prepare for the Nuclear Surety Inspection Monday-June 24. This week's topic is Nuclear Surety Safety)

The 509th Bomb Wing will be evaluated on its ability to manage and administer programs under nuclear surety. This area is one where 509ers can control the outcome. Keeping paperwork, technical orders and directives updated are just a few of the many examples in this inspection area.

tion area.

Some areas that fall under this major area are:

- ✓ Evaluating leadership, guidance and attitude of unit commander and key supervisors. Determine whether deficiencies are individual error or reflect management or supervisory shortcomings.

- ✓ Checking TOs and directives applicable to the NSI. Are they updated and posted?

- ✓ Control and handling of classified plans, manuals, records, reports and components directly associated with the scope of an NSI.

- ✓ Required reports properly maintained and evidence of timely submission of reports pertaining to nuclear weapons.

- ✓ Accountability and/or custody records, stockpile reporting, courier receipts, shipping documents and audit records.

- ✓ Key and lock control records.

“As you can see, many of these programs are paperwork-related items that need to be perfect when the team arrives. The wing has spent an enormous amount of time and effort cleaning up these programs to ensure our very best for the inspection,” said Maj. Alan Miller, 509th BW Plans and Programs Office.

“Your unit may have a vital part in any or all of these areas. When you review these programs, make every effort to ensure your paperwork and program reflect the Whiteman make-it-happen attitude,” he said.

Airmen's Summer Bash '05

3-10 p.m. July 22
Quad area
(between dorms)

DJ Kirby
Live Music
Free Food!
Free Beverages!
Games and prizes!

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Chief's Counsel

(Editor's note: The Chief's Counsel gives Whiteman chief master sergeants an opportunity to give younger Airmen the benefit of lessons learned through years of successful Air Force Service to the nation. This will be an ongoing monthly feature.)

By Chief Master Sgt. James Findley
509th Security Forces Squadron

Ever wonder why we use the term "Team Whiteman?" I don't know who said it first or how it was started, but I do know it's very appropriate when referring to the people stationed here.

A few months ago, our unit was briefly visited by a member of the Air Force Security Forces staff at the Pentagon. He stopped on an informal visit while he was serving temporary duty at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

I picked him up at from lodging at 5 a.m. to attend guard mount. He received the 509th Bomb Wing unit mission brief and had a fast and intense six-hour visit. We showed him everything we could from the troops at their jobs, to the various wing facilities on the base.

Before he left, he said, "You know, I have had the opportunity to visit almost every Air Force base in (continental United States) and many (overseas installa-

tions). Your wing really means it!"

And I asked, "What?"

He simply replied, "Team Whiteman."

"From the time I entered the main gate, everything I have seen and all those I have met, this base really says 'Team Whiteman.' It's as if there is a singular focus of purpose and everyone knows it."

To have a visitor from the Pentagon point this out as many others have done from the President on down, it can't help but make you proud to be part of something special — to be a 509er.

Beginning Sunday, we will have more visitors, the Air Combat Command Inspector General. As we do every 18 months, our wing will receive a Nuclear Surety Inspection. As inspections go, this is one of the most technically intensive and demanding inspections a wing can receive.

And it should be. We're entrusted with the care and security of some of our nation's most sensitive resources.

Many people in the wing have been at a full-court press preparing for this inspection and many of us are tired. We must take one last deep breath because the finish line is in sight. Once again, as we do every day, 509ers will show those who visit us what "Team Whiteman" means.



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Chief Master Sgt. James Findley, 509th Security Forces Squadron, speaks to new 509th SFS members at the First-Term Airman Course Wednesday.

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Photos by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

Farewell, Col. Matson

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, shakes hands with Col. Chris Matson, 509th Maintenance Group commander, during Colonel Matson's retirement ceremony June 10. Colonel Matson retired after 26 years of service. Right: wing members render salutes during the national anthem.



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Programs aim to lower military divorce rates

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Recognizing the stresses military life and multiple deployments put on families, officials are stepping up their efforts to help servicemembers strengthen their family relationships and avoid divorce courts.

A full range of outreach programs — from support groups for spouses of deployed troops to weekend retreats for military couples — aims to help military families endure the hardships that military life often imposes.

Specific service-by-service statistics about divorce rates within the military were not available, but Army rates give a snapshot of what are believed to be a militarywide trend.

Army officials reported 10,477 divorces among active-duty force in fiscal 2004, a number that has climbed steadily over the past five years. In fiscal 2003, the Army reported less than 7,500 divorces; in 2002, more than 7,000, and in 2001, about 5,600.

During the past two years, the divorce rate has been higher among Army officers than their enlisted counterparts, reversing the previous trend, officials said. In fiscal 2003, the Army reported almost 1,900 divorces among its 56,000 married officers. The following year, that number jumped to more than 3,300 — an increase of almost 1,500.

These statistics reflect a general trend in American society, said Army Chaplain (Col.) Glen Bloomstrom, director of ministry initiatives for the Army's chief of chaplains. Forty-five to 50 percent of all first marriages end in divorce nationwide, he said, and the failure rate is even higher for second marriages: 60 to 70 percent.

Divorce rates run even higher in specific occupations, particularly those that expose people to traumatic events and danger, as well as heavy responsibilities and public scrutiny, Army officials said. Police officers, for example, face divorce rates averaging between 66 and 75 percent, they said.

Despite the nationwide trends, Chaplain Bloomstrom said that the numbers represent far more than just statistics.

"These are people we're talking about," he said. "When a marriage ends, it's the end of a dream."

The toll goes beyond the human side and affects military operations as well, he said. Servicemembers in happy marriages tend to be more focused on their jobs and less likely to have disciplinary problems, Chaplain Bloomstrom said. They are also more likely to remain in the military.

While the Air Force does not have servicewide marital support programs, Air Force officials said individual bases offer a wide variety of programs to support military families and help them through separations, deployments and the stresses relating to them. Programs are offered through family support, chaplain and mental-health counseling networks.

509th MUNS troops are ‘the bomb’



Staff Sgt. Michael Stewart, 509th Munitions Squadron, runs the electrical systems test set. This system is designed to troubleshoot and test a rotary launcher assembly. This test operationally certifies the RLA for munitions use including the 2,000-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition and the 5,000-pound bunker buster. The test takes approximately 12 hours and verifies the integrity of the weapons release mechanisms.



Senior Airman Gideon Gooden, 509th Munitions Squadron, performs an accountability check on tools. As a weapons support technician, Airman Gooden manages programs and equipment supporting weapons maintenance and rotary launcher assembly testing including precision measurement equipment, consolidated tool kits and hazardous material.



Master Sgt. Mark Azbill, 509th Munitions Squadron, performs a post-maintenance inspection. These checks are performed by a person with a seven skill level or higher to verify weapon serviceability before storage or loading onto a rotary launcher assembly.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton



Airman 1st Class Michael Hoyt directs Senior Airman Kimberly White to pick up munitions with a forklift. The munitions are being transported back to the storage structure following periodic maintenance. The 509th Munitions Squadron Special Weapons Flight keeps all required assets and launch gear ready for immediate use as required. The 70-member flight is responsible for all maintenance, inspection and accountability of assigned weapons, B-2 rotary launcher assemblies and associated support equipment. Airmen Hoyt and White are both members of 509th MUNS.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Gresser, 509th Munitions Squadron, hooks a test cable to a rotary launcher assembly as part of a 24-month periodic electrical checkout. Sergeant Gresser is the verification and checkout equipment team chief. The VACE team is responsible for performing periodic electrical testing and maintenance on RLA, electronic equipment racks and associated equipment. The RLA can carry up to eight munitions and two launchers can be installed in a B-2. The special weapons flight received zero major write-ups during the last three inspections, including the 2003 Nuclear Surety Inspection, Operational Readiness Inspection and the Unit Compliance Inspection. The special weapons flight members said they're ready for the NSI and will take part in nine of the 12 graded areas evaluated by the Air Combat Command Inspector General staff.

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What's Happening

Education

For more details, visit the education center Web site at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

SAT test date set

The education center offers the Scholastic Aptitude Test at 7:30 a.m. June 24. Only active duty and Reserves are eligible for this testing. This will be the final SAT offered until October. For more details or to sign up, E-mail ron.johnson@whiteman.af.mil.

Top 3 scholarship available

The Whiteman Top 3 Association will give away three \$300 scholarships to Whiteman enlisted members and their families.

Scholarship funds come from a variety of Whiteman Top 3 fundraising activities, such as die cast model sales, POW/MIA bracelet sales and other community events.

Applications for the scholarship grant are available at the base education and training center or from the Whiteman intraweb at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/top3/Scholarships.shtml>.

The application package consists of the application form, transcripts from previous classes and a single-page essay. Applications are due to the education office by June 30.

The selection board will review the applications, and select winners based on educational goals, scholastic achievement and financial need. For more details, call Senior Master Sgt. Teresa Wolfenden at 687-2389.

CCAF degree program

The Community College of the Air Force degree is an associate of applied science degree just like one earned at any other college.

The Air Force is the only branch of service that enrolls enlisted members into an associate of applied science degree in their Air Force specialty code.

Technical training, AFSC skill levels, CLEP tests and college courses can be combined to complete the 64 semester hours required for the degree.

Enlisted members can find out how many credits they have toward their degree, and which tests and/or classes they need to complete it, by visiting a base training and education services office counselor 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

For more details, call the education center at 687-5750.

BTES responds to survey

Base training and education services staff thanks everyone who participated in the 2005 Needs Assessment Survey.

Responses to some of the main areas of interest you addressed can be viewed on the BTES Web site under the what's hot section at <https://intranet/509BW/509MSG/509MSS/DPE/HomePage.htm>.

If you have a suggestion or concern which has not been addressed, call Cathy Brogan, education services officer, at 687-5752.

Community

Airman's Attic all ranks day

Due to an overwhelming amount of donations and generosity from the commu-

nity, the Airman's Attic is running out of space. The Airman's Attic will have all ranks days starting Monday-July 29.

The Airman's Attic hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

MOAA meeting set

The Spirit Chapter of Military Officers Association of America meets at noon Tuesday at Mission's End.

The speaker is Lt. Col. Chuck Douglass, 509th Security Forces Squadron commander. He will discuss his recent deployment to Iraq.

All military officers and spouses, active and retired, are invited.

To R.S.V.P. or for more details, call Janet Allen at 660-747-3634.

AF ball golf tournament set

The Air Force ball golf tournament begins 10 a.m. with an 11 a.m. shotgun start June 29 at the Royal Oaks Golf Course.

Participants must sign up by Wednesday. This four-person per team scramble costs \$15 plus green and cart fees. There is a 36 team max. All proceeds will be used to offset costs of the ball.

E-mail team names to Tech. Sgt. Robert VanDeHey at robert.vandehy@whiteman.af.mil or call 687-2350.

B-2 tours available

Do your family and friends want to see the B-2 up close? They can view the B-2 from 10:45 a.m.-noon July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9 and Oct. 14 in front of base operations.

To sign up or for more details, call public affairs at 687-6128.

Volunteer dental assistant

The base dental clinic is accepting volunteers for the next dental assisting volunteer program class starting July 11.

This is an opportunity to get free training in the dental field. To volunteer or for more details, call Master Sgt. Clayton Thornburg at 687-6898.

JROTC instructors wanted

The Air Force Junior ROTC has NCO instructor positions open at Lee's Summit North and West High Schools in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Retired Airmen interested in becoming Junior ROTC instructors must have retired from active duty within the past five years.

Airmen on active duty may apply for positions when they are within six months of their retirement date.

In some cases, the five-year requirement may be waived up to 10 years based on applicant qualifications and the needs of the program.

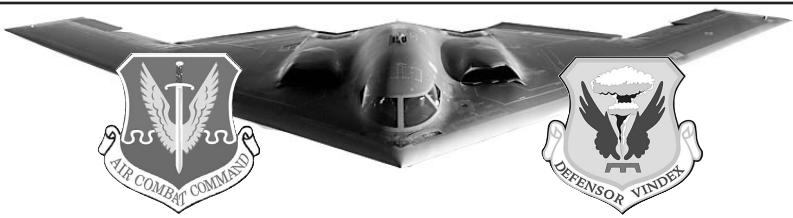
For more information about instructor opportunities, call toll free 866-235-7682, extension 35275 or 35300; DSN 493-5275 or 493-5300; or visit <http://www.afoats.af.mil>.

KC RiverFest Freedom walk

The Kansas City, Mo., RiverFest Freedom walk is 7:30-11 a.m. July 4 at the Berkley Riverfront Park.

The cost of \$5 includes a pancake breakfast. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the VFW's military assistance program.

For more details visit <http://www.kcriverfest.com> or call the information hotline at 816-561-7555.



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

June 18, 2000 — 90 members of the 325th Bomb Squadron, along with three B-2 aircraft, deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of Operation Cornet Spider.

June 24, 1948 — The recently closed Sedalia Army Airfield became known as Sedalia Air Force Auxiliary Field to reflect its new status.

June 24, 1962 — The 351st Missile Cadre was activated as an overseer unit to the Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missile construction at Whiteman.

June 25, 1990 — Air Force Headquarters approved Strategic Air Command's request to move the 509th Bombardment Wing to Whiteman Air Force Base around Sept. 30, 1990.



Chapel Corner

Catholic

Eucharist (mass) — 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 5 p.m. Saturdays; and 9 a.m. Sundays
Reconciliation — After mass and upon request
Religious Education — 10:45 a.m. Sundays at the base education and training center

Protestant

General worship — 11 a.m. Sundays
Gospel — 1 p.m. Sundays
Sunday School — 9:30 a.m. Sundays



Additional worship opportunities are offered through various lay councils, organizations and activities. For more information, call 687-3652.

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Whiteman cyclist will take on world stage

By 1st Lt. Ed Gulick
Public Affairs

A 509th Maintenance Group member will soon get an opportunity most athletes could only dream of: compete in a world championship.

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Chocha, a B-2 armament quality assurance inspector, will compete in the International Military Sports Council's World Military Cycling Championships in Zegrze, Poland, on June 29 and July 1.

The International Military Sports Council invited military members of more than 120 countries to bring their best among the ranks to compete for the title of best military road cyclist in the world.

"I'm looking forward to representing the United States and I'm excited about the chance I have to compete at this level," the technical sergeant said.

As part of a seven-man team, Chocha will ride for the U.S. Armed Forces Cycling Team, which is comprised of the best cyclists in allservice branches.

Since the team is made up of military members stationed around the world, members rarely get together to train as a team. For many, the first time they rode together was at the La Vuelta De Bisbee stage race in Arizona April 22-24 with a transfer to the Tour of the Gila in New Mexico, which started three days after the La Vuelta De Bisbee.

Each member is a U.S. Cycling Federation Category 1-Pro rider. The USCF is the governing body of road cycling in the United States and ranks riders from beginner (Cat 5) to professional (Cat 1-Pro).

So each rider was already seasoned veterans of racing with outstanding abilities.

In road racing, there are three primary disciplines; time trial, criterium, and the road race.

The time trial is a solo race against the clock over a given distance where your time competes against other competitors, he said.

The criterium is a mass start race of a specified number of laps on a closed course over public roads closed to normal traffic. A road race is also a mass start race, but the course typically goes from point to point and is longer and less technical than a criterium.

At the world championships, competitors will compete in a 24 kilometer (15 mile) time trial and a 150 kilometer (93.2 mile) road race. Chocha will compete in the road race and is the alternate for the time trial.

In a typical road race, each rider races for a team. Each team usually has a strong rider that the rest of the team will sacrifice to keep in the front of the race at all times. The leader is also called the protected rider.

As a strong rider for Team X Cycling, a local area team, Chocha was often the protected rider.

"When you know your whole team's working for you," Chocha said, "you have that much more pressure on you. There are guys that are sacrificing everything for you."

Many times, he said, his teammates would give everything they have to get him to the front and then fall off the back of the group with no energy left to stay.

The U.S. Armed Forces Team coach, Debra Ponzio, will decide as they get closer to the race whom the protected rider will be based on who's riding well and other factors.

It took Chocha a long time with a few stops and starts to get to this level of competition.

As a 12-year-old, Chocha started riding five miles to the public pool with his mother. In high school, he started doing Biathlons. Once he graduated, he joined the Air Force and was stationed at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

While at Cannon, he started riding more and started doing a few races, but wasn't able to do very many because of the long drives to Albuquerque, N.M. or Texas to get to the races. He did manage to place second at the New Mexico Criterium Championships as a Cat 4 rider.

When he moved here more than seven years ago, he rode a little but didn't take it very seriously until other riders started taking notice of his ability.

"When I got here and met a lot of riders in Kansas City area, I realized that it was such a tight-knit group that takes care of each other," he said. "It's like a family."

The family kept telling him he was a good rider and that he should keep pushing to move up in categories. It took him four years to realize what they were trying to tell him.

"I started realizing, 'Hey, these guys know what they are talking about. I really am good at this,'" he said. "This

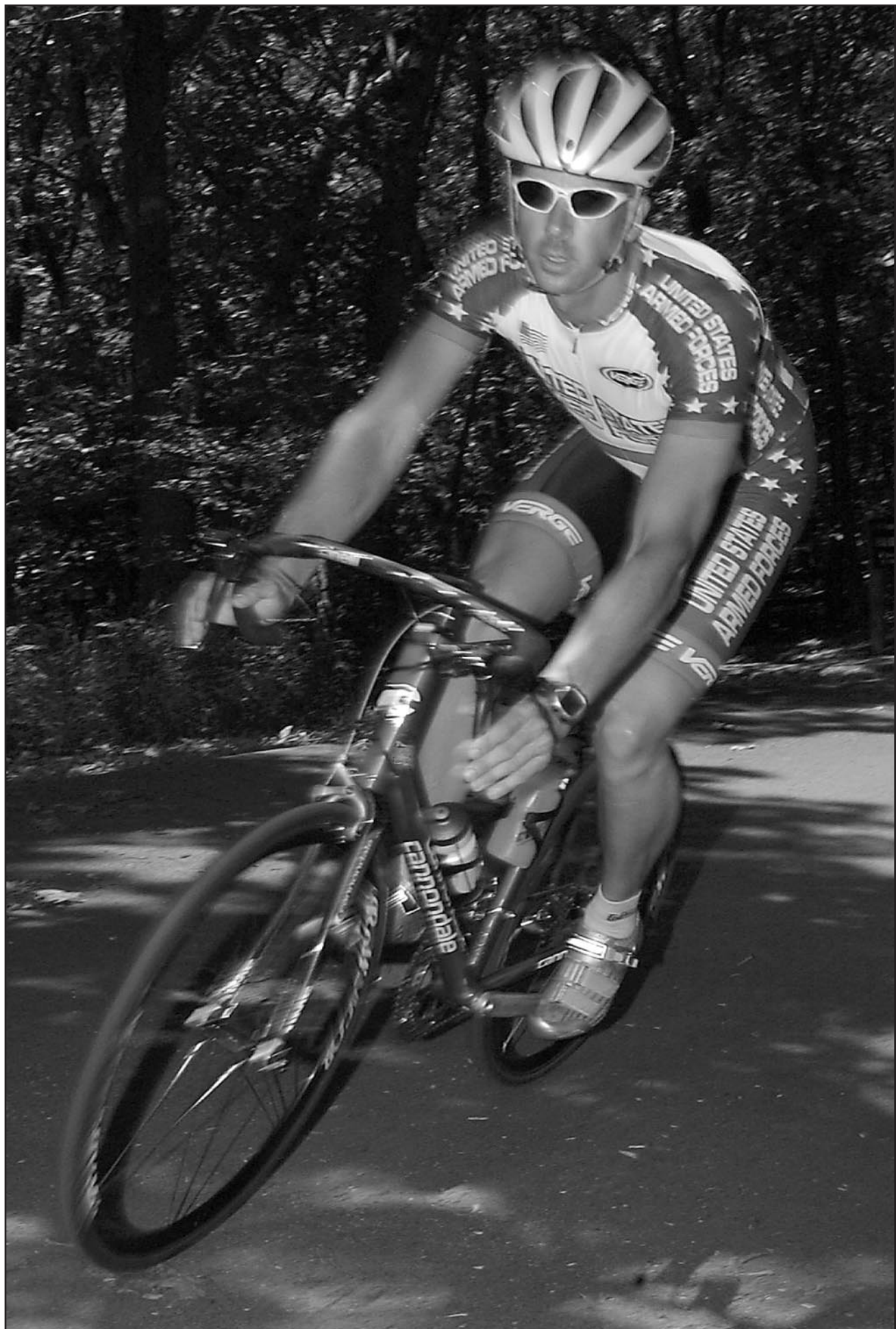


Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

Andrew Chocha, 509th Maintenance Group, cruises on a base pedestrian trail. Sergeant Chocha will travel to Zegrze, Poland, to compete in the International Military Sports Council's World Military Cycling Championships on June 29 and July 1.

is the one thing that I've found in my life that I'm really good at."

He started training more and racing more, and in three years, went from a Cat 4 to a Cat 1-Pro rider and won the Missouri Cat 3 Time Trial Championships in 2003, and came in second in 2004 as a Cat 2.

Keeping his fitness at a professional level isn't easy, he said.

He rides an hour on a trainer or outdoors every morn-

ing. In the afternoon, he does specific workouts for each day. For example, during the racing season he travels to Kansas City, Mo., every Tuesday for a training race. Every weekend from early February to late September is spent racing.

He compared the training and racing necessary to stay competitive as a second job.

On July 1 all the training will pay off when he lines up with the best of the military world's.



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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

50-mile bike ride

Cycle 50 miles along the Katy trail from Hartsburg, Mo., to McKittrick, Mo. The bus leaves at 7 a.m. Saturday from outdoor recreation. Participants should bring their bike, helmet, water and a repair kit. Outdoor recreation will provide bikes and helmets free of charge if necessary. The \$15 fee includes lunch and transportation. Cyclists should bring money for dinner in Hermann, Mo., after the ride. The base level cycling program rewards riders for the amount of miles completed. Contact outdoor recreation to sign up.

Family rafting adventure

Spend a weekend rafting at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The bus leaves at 7 a.m. July 22 from outdoor recreation. The trip costs \$100 per person. Children must be over 7 years old and weigh at least 50 pounds. The cost includes camping equipment, rafting trip, dinner on July 23 and transportation. Extra money should be brought for snacks, souvenirs and additional meals. Sign up by July 1. Call outdoor recreation for further information.

Boater safety course (pontoon)

People who are interested in renting a boat from outdoor recreation must take a certification class. The next pontoon boat class is 1 p.m.-5 p.m. June 23 at Windsor Crossing. The cost is \$5. Call outdoor recreation for more details.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Whiteman Triathlon

Starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at the pool, triathlon participants will swim, cycle and run. Any supporters are welcome.

Resale items

Gym goers no longer have to worry about a forgotten towel or sock as the fitness center sells a number of essential items. This includes towels-\$2, headphones-\$3.50, combo locks-\$5 and socks-\$2.75.

Women's locker room closure

The women's locker room is closed for renovation. Access to the pool's daily use lockers and showers will be available. The fitness center apologizes for any inconvenience caused. For more details, call the fitness center staff.

Tickets and Travel 687-5643

Armed Forces Vacation Club

Eligible Department of Defense members have space-available access to more than 3,500 resorts in more than 80 countries. Condos are available from \$264 a week. Visit <http://www.afvclub.com> for availability and call 800-724-9988 for reservations (state installation No. 255). Call tickets and travel for terms and conditions.

Royal Oaks Golf Course 687-5573

Red, white and blue scramble

The Royal Oaks four-person scramble with a shotgun start begins at 9 a.m. July 4. The cost is \$20 per person plus cart and greens fee.

Mission's End 687-4422

ACC \$1 dinner

Club members can eat dinner for \$1 5-7 p.m. today. The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, salads and dessert.

Monthly club coin special

Club coin holders can buy a liter of margarita for \$5 every night of June.

Country night

Impress with your line dancing skills at the next country

Food & Fun

night at Mission's End. There will be a country and western DJ from 8 p.m.-midnight June 24.

Stars and Strikes 687-5114

Stars and Strike closure

The bowling center will be closed June 26-July 10.

Bowl for the Stars and Strikes

Earn prizes all summer with the Stars and Strikes. Request a punch card and fill it up with each purchase of a game or large drink. There are monthly drawings and a \$500 star prize. Ask the bowling staff for more details.

Community Activities

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Children's summer art program

The skills development center offers the perfect summer activity for children ages 7-11. Art classes take place 9-11 a.m. Thursdays until July 14. The cost per session is \$10. The program will cover drawing, painting and sculpture. Call skills development to sign up.

Creative circle group meeting

The creative circle is a forum for artists and crafters to discuss ideas, techniques and share information about upcoming art shows and fairs. The first meeting takes place 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday at the skills development center.

Air Force on-line gallery

Artists and crafters can enter their creations for inclusion in the Air Force gallery. This year's theme is "Military Life." All mediums can be entered. Each piece must be original and titled. There are two categories: adults and children. The closing date for submission is August 31.

Teen Center 687-5819

Supersplash USA

There will be an outing for teens to the water park in Kansas City, Mo., leaving at 8 a.m. June 25. The cost is \$12 and teens should bring extra money for food. Places are limited so sign up early.

Mall of America trip

The teen center is running a three-day trip to the Mall of America, Minneapolis, Minn. Leaving at 7 a.m. June 27, the group will spend the next day at the Underwater Adventure and arrive back to base by 8 p.m. June 29. The \$50 fee per teen covers transportation, accommodation and admission. Teens should bring extra money for meals. Call the teen center for more information or to sign up.

Youth Center 687-5586

Summer part-day camp

Grades four-seven can take part in the youth center summer camps. There will be two camps, youths can sign up for one or both. The camps take place 11:15 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and June 27-30. Starting each day at the teen center, youths will participate in activities such as bowling, swimming, field trips and art. The cost is \$30 per camp for members and \$35 for nonmembers, which includes lunch and activities. Payment is due at time of registration at the youth center.

Magic Show

Eldon Roark is putting a magic show on at the youth center for kindergarten-12th grades. The show starts at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the youth center gym. This is a free event, sign up now. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Swim trip

There is a pre-teen scene trip taking place 1-6 p.m. June 25

to the aquatic park in Concordia, Mo. The cost is \$4 for members or \$5 for nonmembers. Sign up from Monday.

Community Center 687-5617

Make a Father's Day gift!

Children ages 5-10 can make a card and gift for Father's Day at 3 p.m. Saturday at the community center. Children should bring a 3 x 4 inch photograph of themselves which they will then make and decorate a frame for. Children can also make "Do it for Dad" coupons. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Pop-a-shot

Children of all ages and their Dads (or buddies) can pair up to shoot some hoops. Teams will be given one minute to score as many points as possible, prizes for the best teams will be given out. The competition starts at 2 p.m. June 25 at the community center.

Family Child Care 687-1180

Extended duty care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It is available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed prior to participation. Call for more details.

Free returning home care

Military members returning home from a 30-day or longer deployment are entitled to 16 hours of free child care for each child 12 years old and younger. An application and a copy of orders must be submitted to the family child care office prior to participation.

Library 687-6217

Summer reading program

It's not too late to join the summer reading program. Children up to 18 years old can take part by picking up a registration pack from the library and keeping a log of pages read. Readers can win prizes throughout the summer depending on the number of pages read. Children who are not yet reading can join the "Little Listeners" program and take part by being read to. Contact library staff for details.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Save money on pet supplies

Flea and tick season is here! To help customers save money this summer, the vet clinic now carries six month supplies of a flea and tick prevention product for cats and dogs. The six-month supply is less expensive than purchasing two boxes of three month supply. Call or stop by the vet clinic to purchase.